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Pills of Pills.

Dr. Ayers is reported as being hopelessly insane, and that his estate is worth two millions of dollars. This is a snug fortune to be made in the pill business, and suggests some novel calculations. The pill business is a large one, and the money going into the coffers of a single man. In Dr. Ayers' pill-boxes there were generally forty pills. Four of these boxes were sold by the druggists for a dollar. According to arithmetical and careful calculation, two millions of dollars must have purchased eight millions of pill-boxes, containing three hundred and twenty millions of pills. Calling the population of the United States five millions, and this calculation proves beyond controversy that our people are taking thirty-two pills per head since the Doctor first launched his compounds on the market. Here we have pills of pills and really nothing to show for it but an unfortunate man laboring under the terrible affliction of an abnormal mind and the responsibility of controlling the monstrous sum of two millions of dollars. With the examples of Hemlock and Ayers before us, the charm of the pill-box is broken, and the attractions which once resided in the gripes it contained are scattered and gone.

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THE STOCKS of the Mixed Tribunal will settle the election simply as a legal proposition as to the validity of the election of the electors, and not undertake to examine into the falseness of the Bull-Dozer, is rendering them wonderfully weak in their faith. Moral: Be careful whose nose is gone.

THE MAN with a wife who has a sharp, hooked nose and a black, piercing eye, is like a foot-ball; but, because he is so, he is not to be kicked, because he is kicked about. Beware of them as you would shy out of the path of an adder. Experience is not a teacher in this case, still the subject matter is the embodiment of truth.

PROPHETHOOD, and among them many fair ones, are now being made looking to the purchase of the Harpington rubicund nose, so full of wrinkles and creases, and the much-muttered in the political world three weeks since. It is wanted for some anatomical museum to be presented as a relic of Cronin's attempt to make a President.

THREE vain attempts were made by reckless political scrubs on the 8th of December last to purchase electoral votes for the Democracy. Among these the most audacious and criminal was that of L. Childs, of South Carolina, who offered \$50,000 for one electoral vote. No charge has been made against the Republican party of such a perfidious act.

THE REPUBLICANS have three good men on the Commission, Morton, Edmunds and Frelinghuysen. The Democrats are equally as fortunate in securing Thurman and Bayard. These men will lend a respectable to the gambling tendency of the bill that it could not get from any other source. After the dice have been thrown and the result is known, the Republicans will have a much more favorable position than the Democrats.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR.